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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Lynn Holm-Blagg, et al.

Application No.: 09/298,505

Filed: April 23, 1999

For: METHOD FOR LINKING ACCOUNTS  
CORRESPONDING TO DIFFERENT  
PRODUCTS TOGETHER TO CREATE A  
GROUP

Art Unit: 2167

CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE FOR  
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER  
37 C.F.R. §1.48

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Sir:

The assignee of the above-identified patent application, First Data Corporation consents to amending the subject application to add Michael B. Gear and Gretchen L. Donlin as joint inventors.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b), a certificate of assignment is enclosed to establish ownership of the above-referenced application by First Data Corporation.

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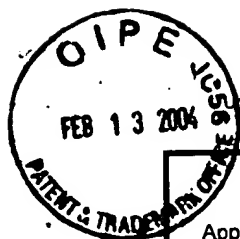
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Lynn Holm-Blagg, et al.

Application No./Patent No.: 09/298,505

Filed/Issue Date: April 23, 1999

Entitled: Method for Linking Accounts Corresponding to Different Products Together to Create a Group

First Data Corporation

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(Name of Assignee)

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states that it is:

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- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 013326, Frame 0844, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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Title of Invention: METHOD FOR LINKING ACCOUNTS CORRESPONDING  
TO DIFFERENT PRODUCTS TOGETHER TO CREATE A  
GROUP

Filing Date: April 23, 1999

Serial No.: 09/298,505

WHEREAS, First Data Corporation of 12500 East Belford Avenue, Suite M21A2, Englewood, CO, 80112, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," wants to acquire an interest in the invention and application and in any Letters Patent and Registrations that may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has assigned, and by these presents does assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, Eighth Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

1/19/04

Date

Michael B. Gear

Signature: Michael B. Gear

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Gretchen L. Donlin of 19802 Capehart Road, Gretna, NE 68028 hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR," is the owner of all rights in certain new and useful improvements as described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

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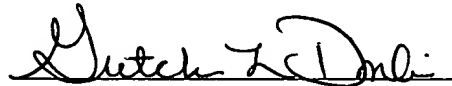
For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has assigned, and by these presents does assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

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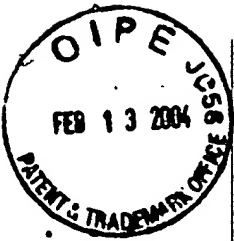
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I, Michael B. Gear, state that it was through error without deceptive intent that I was not named as an inventor in the above-referenced patent application.

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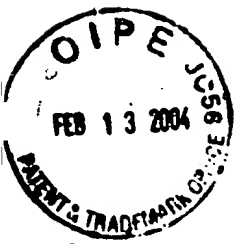
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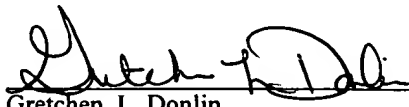
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.	Filing Date
60/083,004	April 24, 1998

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Full Name of Inventor 3:	Last Name: <b>DONLIN</b>	First Name: <b>GRETCHEN</b>	Middle Name or Initial: <b>L.</b>	
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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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